

History of Mansfield Pioneer Church

The only church in Mansfield was never built to be a church. The building was a temperance hall advertising, "Plenty to Eat and Smoke". In the late 1800's, it stood alone among a half-dozen saloons. This building was also used for church services of all religions. Early pioneers and newly arriving immigrants, worshipped together, although the church was maintained as the Finnish Lutheran Church.

The Mansfield Mine Location became a ghost town after the Great Mine Disaster of 1893, and the subsequent forest fire the following year that wiped out 25 buildings. The church stood empty for many years and its last use was to house a shingle mill.

In 1986 the **Mansfield Memories Committee**, current owners, a 501C3 corporation, began the task of rebuilding the pioneer church. Old log buildings were torn down and the good logs brought to the church site. With the help of many volunteers and the generosity of many others, the church became a reality.

Since 1988, when the church was completed, there have been many christenings, weddings, funerals and memorial services; creating the circle of life.

Interested in renting The Mansfield Pioneer Church?

This unique church and location is available for rent for such events as weddings, christenings, funerals and memorial services.

The cost to rent the church is a \$100 donation along with a \$100 refundable security deposit. To receive a contract contact:

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